

# total potato stocks



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Storage stocks of Irish potatoes for all uses held by growers, local dealers, and processors in fall production areas totaled 156.9 million cwt. on December 1, 1972, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 19.5 million cwt., 11 percent, less than the 176.3 million cwt. on hand a year earlier for all uses, and 18.3 million cwt. less than the 175.1 million cwt. on December 1, 1970.

For the eight Eastern States December 1, 1972 stocks of 33.3 million cwt. are 24 percent less than the 43.8 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Maine stocks of 25.1 million cwt. are 5.5 million, 18 percent, less than December 1, 1971 holdings. Supplies in Upstate and Long Island, New York and Pennsylvania are also sharply below 1971.

In the eight Central States December 1 potato stocks of 33.3 million cwt. were 7.4 million cwt., 18 percent, less than a year earlier. North Dakota supplies of 12.2 million cwt. this year compare with 14.5 million cwt. a year ago. Minnesota had 9.4 million cwt. this December 1, compared with 12.2 million a year earlier. Other Central States also had fewer potatoes on hand this year on December 1 than a year ago.

December 1 stocks in the eight Western States totaled 90.3 million cwt., 1.5 million cwt., 2 percent, less than the 91.8 million cwt. last year. Idaho stocks of 55.5 million cwt. equal 1971 stocks but in Washington stocks of 15.8 million cwt. were below the 16.5 million cwt. of a year ago. Colorado, Oregon, and California stocks are also down from last year.

Disappearance to December 1 from the 1972 fall production of 234.1 million cwt. was 77.2 million cwt., slightly less than the 77.5 million cwt. a year ago and also less than the corresponding 1970 period of 78.4 million cwt.

Total quantity of potatoes used for processing to December 1 in Maine, Idaho, Washington (late summer and fall crops), Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota was 33.4 million cwt., compared with 30.2 million cwt. for the corresponding 1971 period. Washington-Oregon (excluding Malheur County) usage for processing from the 1972 production of both the late summer and fall crops was 11.8 million cwt. to December 1 this year, compared with 9.0 million cwt. last year. Processing plants in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 15.4 million cwt. to December 1, 1972 compared with 14.6 million to December 1 a year earlier. For Maine processing usage totaled 3.3 million to December 1 this year, compared with 3.6 million cwt. a year earlier; in the three upper midwest States processors took 2.9 million cwt. this year, compared with 3.1 to December 1, 1971.

Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes--including fresh market, processing, seed, and livestock feed--generally account for about 88 percent of the fall crop production with the balance of the production used on farms where grown or lost through shrinkage and waste.

Table 1. Fall potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1 total stocks, crops of 1962-72 in the fall States

| Crop<br>Year | Production | T o t a l   S t o c k s |                |            |         |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------|---------|
|              |            | December 1              | Following year |            |         |
|              |            |                         | January 1      | February 1 | March 1 |
|              |            | 1,000 cwt.              |                |            |         |
| 1962 1/      | 194,875    | 135,745                 | 115,770        | 91,970     | 70,250  |
| 1963         | 198,195    | 136,995                 | 115,000        | 89,300     | 67,280  |
| 1964         | 174,491    | 114,550                 | 94,205         | 73,120     | 54,535  |
| 1965         | 216,749    | 147,780                 | 124,170        | 98,670     | 74,905  |
| 1966         | 228,442    | 153,550                 | 128,050        | 103,630    | 79,632  |
| 1967         | 231,656    | 161,500                 | 139,170        | 112,640    | 86,405  |
| 1968         | 221,906    | 152,810                 | 130,350        | 104,995    | 81,940  |
| 1969         | 239,460    | 162,800                 | 138,140        | 111,510    | 87,620  |
| 1970         | 253,525    | 175,145                 | 150,030        | 122,830    | 96,780  |
| 1971 2/      | 253,796    | 176,340                 | 151,400        | 124,370    | 98,480  |
| 1972         | 234,100    | 156,890                 |                |            |         |

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

2/ Revised August 1972 Pot 6(72).

Table 2. Potatoes used for processing, 1/ Seven States, 1971 and 1972 Crops

| State and Area               | From 1971 Crop |   | From 1972 Crop |
|------------------------------|----------------|---|----------------|
|                              | Entire Season  | To December 1, 1971 : To December 1, 1972 |                |
|                              |                | 1,000 cwt.                                |                |
| Maine                        | 13,763         | 3,562                                     | 3,288          |
| Idaho and Malheur Co. Oreg.  | 49,942         | 14,596                                    | 15,445         |
| Wash. and Other Areas, Oreg. | 22,898         | 8,977                                     | 11,754         |
| Other States 2/              | 10,131         | 3,111                                     | 2,934          |
| Seven State Total            | 96,734         | 30,246                                    | 33,421         |

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine and Michigan.

2/ Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Table 3. Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers, processors, and local dealers on December 1, 1971 and December 1, 1972 1/

| State                | Crop of 1971 |                              | Crop of 1972 |                              |
|----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
|                      | Production   | Total stocks<br>Dec. 1, 1971 | Production   | Total stocks<br>Dec. 1, 1972 |
|                      | 1,000 cwt.   |                              |              |                              |
| Maine                | 37,700       | 30,600                       | 33,280       | 25,100                       |
| New Hampshire        | 189          | 110                          | 141          | 70                           |
| Vermont              | 264          | 190                          | 209          | 170                          |
| Massachusetts        | 987          | 490                          | 592          | 340                          |
| Rhode Island         | 1,248        | 270                          | 907          | 2/                           |
| Connecticut          | 851          | 500                          | 609          | 350                          |
| New York - L.I.      | 5,198        | 3,250                        | 4,141        | 2,350                        |
| - Upstate            | 7,935        | 4,200                        | 4,973        | 2,100                        |
| Pennsylvania         | 7,810        | 4,200                        | 4,800        | 2,800                        |
| 8 Eastern            | 62,182       | 43,810                       | 49,652       | 33,280                       |
| Ohio                 | 2,473        | 1,200                        | 2,043        | 1,050                        |
| Indiana              | 1,708        | 360                          | 1,323        | 235                          |
| Michigan             | 8,165        | 4,500                        | 7,718        | 4,300                        |
| Wisconsin            | 9,540        | 6,500                        | 7,625        | 5,200                        |
| Minnesota            | 14,850       | 12,200                       | 11,400       | 9,350                        |
| North Dakota         | 19,995       | 14,500                       | 17,400       | 12,200                       |
| South Dakota         | 1,053        | 720                          | 738          | 360                          |
| Nebraska             | 1,050        | 750                          | 968          | 590                          |
| 8 Central            | 58,834       | 40,730                       | 49,215       | 33,285                       |
| Montana              | 1,404        | 1,300                        | 1,650        | 1,525                        |
| Idaho                | 77,290       | 55,500                       | 78,795       | 55,500                       |
| Wyoming              | 925          | 600                          | 1,456        | 1,030                        |
| Colorado             | 7,560        | 5,500                        | 7,905        | 5,300                        |
| Utah                 | 848          | 550                          | 1,011        | 670                          |
| Washington           | 22,910       | 16,450                       | 22,620       | 15,800                       |
| Oregon               | 13,723       | 6,300                        | 14,436       | 6,100                        |
| California           | 8,120        | 5,600                        | 7,360        | 4,400                        |
| 8 Western            | 132,780      | 91,800                       | 135,233      | 90,325                       |
| Total 24 Fall States | 253,796      | 176,340                      | 234,100      | 156,890                      |

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

2/ Rhode Island stocks included in Connecticut total.

Table 4. Potatoes: Fall crop production and sales, 1965-72

| Year | Production | Sold 1/    | Percent sold |
|------|------------|------------|--------------|
|      |            | 1,000 cwt. |              |
| 1965 | 216,749    | 192,270    | 89           |
| 1966 | 228,442    | 192,214    | 84           |
| 1967 | 231,656    | 201,403    | 87           |
| 1968 | 221,906    | 196,100    | 88           |
| 1969 | 239,460    | 210,698    | 88           |
| 1970 | 253,525    | 223,639    | 88           |
| 1971 | 253,796    | 220,490    | 87           |
| 1972 | 234,100    | 2/         |              |

1/ Includes potatoes sold for all purposes--food, processing, seed and livestock feed.

2/ Available August, 1973 in Potato Disposition and Utilization Report.

Table 5. Population: Total and Civilian, United States, 1965-72 and Projected 1973

| Year        | Total including<br>Armed Forces overseas | Civilian resident  |
|-------------|--|--------------------|
|             | January 1 : July 1                       | January 1 : July 1 |
|             | Millions                                 |                    |
| 1965        | 193.2 : 194.3                            | 190.5 : 191.6      |
| 1966        | 195.5 : 196.6                            | 192.6 : 193.4      |
| 1967        | 197.7 : 198.7                            | 194.4 : 195.3      |
| 1968        | 199.8 : 200.7                            | 196.4 : 197.1      |
| 1969        | 201.8 : 202.7                            | 198.3 : 199.1      |
| 1970        | 203.8 : 204.9                            | 200.5 : 201.7      |
| 1971        | 206.1 : 207.0                            | 203.1 : 204.3      |
| 1972        | 208.1 : 209.2                            | 205.5 : 206.7      |
| Projections |  |                    |
| 1973        | 210.4 : 211.5                            | 207.9 : 209.11     |
| 1974        | 212.8 : 214.0                            | 210.3 : 211.6      |

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Table 6. Potatoes: Per capita civilian consumption, Calendar years 1965-71

| Year | Canned | Frozen | Chips and shoe-strings | Dehydrated | Total processed | Fresh use | Total fresh equivalent farm basis 1/ |
|------|--------|--------|------------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
|      |        |        |                        |            |                 |           | Pounds                               |
| 1965 | .5     | 14.3   | 15.8                   | 8.1        | 38.7            | 68.6      | 107.3                                |
| 1966 | .6     | 17.3   | 16.7                   | 10.3       | 44.9            | 72.4      | 117.3                                |
| 1967 | .5     | 19.0   | 16.9                   | 10.0       | 46.4            | 62.2      | 108.6                                |
| 1968 | .6     | 21.4   | 17.1                   | 10.6       | 49.7            | 66.6      | 116.3                                |
| 1969 | .6     | 24.6   | 17.7                   | 12.1       | 55.0            | 62.4      | 117.4                                |
| 1970 | .7     | 27.8   | 17.7                   | 12.8       | 59.0            | 59.1      | 118.1                                |
| 1971 | .7     | 30.3   | 17.3                   | 13.0       | 61.3            | 57.9      | 119.2                                |

1/ Based on total supplies of all potatoes available during the calendar year.  
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